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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 11, line 24 to Page 12, line 6, please amend as follows:

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Initially, combination of a line 251 and a line 254, combination of the line 251 and a line 253, combination of a line 252 and the line 253, and combination of a line 256 and a line ~~267~~257 are extracted from the layout pattern shown in figure 3, as the combinations of lines having possibilities of the short circuit failures occurring, because the lines of each combination are adjacent lines and close to each other (step S201).